

community social and economic assets for sustained employment and development.

International Training Programme on Sustainable Rural Development

4375. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether an International Training Programme on "Sustainable Rural Development" organised jointly by the National Institute of Rural Development and the Colombo Pact Secretariat was held at Hyderabad, recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the subjects discussed at the Training Programme;

(c) the suggestions made at the Training Programme; and

(d) the reactions of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) Yes, Sir. An International Programme was held at National Institute of Rural Development (NIRD), Hyderabad, during March 20-29, 2001.

(b) The details of the Training Programme and the subjects discussed are as under:-

(i) The Programme was jointly organised by NIRD and Colombo Pact Secretariat (CPS) with financial support from Department of Economic Affairs.

(ii) In all, 22 participants from Colombo Pact Secretariat (CPS) Member countries including India attended the programme.

(iii) The subjects revolved around three major themes: Rural Development Policies, Strategies and Programmes; Participatory Rural Development; and Planning and Management of Sustainable Rural Development Programmes.

The details of issues covered are given below:-

● To share the experiences of experiments in rural development policy and implementation of Colombo Pact Secretariat (CPS) Member Countries.

- To sensitize the policy makers, planners and development administrators on various paradigms of rural development and examine the efficacy and the need for paradigm shift in rural development strategies, planning and implementation.

- To identify and discuss the issues of sustainable rural development.

- To orient the participants to the organizational and institutional changes required for improved management and sustainability of rural development interventions.

The Modules of the Programme are as follows:

- Institutional Arrangements for Sustainable Rural Development.

- Participatory Planning Process and Implementation for Sustainable Rural Development.

- HRD for Sustainable Rural Development.

(c) The participants were divided into three groups and the important suggestions made by these groups are as follows:

(i) Need for rapid change, usable timely and cost effective information; quick team oriented multi disciplinary interactive approaches.

(ii) The bottom-up approach would result in better results as the process of functioning will be initiated from grass-root level. This approach would also create social mobilization, community awareness and self confidence among the weaker sections of the society.

(iii) The organisation of poor as a process would bring in social mobilisation and group approach would lead to the better quality of life for every one now and for the generations to come.

(iv) Direct assistance through community driven programmes would enable the poor to shape their own destinies; emphasis on forging of partnerships and help promote conditions in which the poor can make use of their own skills and talents to work their way out of poverty. Therefore, social mobilisation is a sustainable strategy

to enable the poor to become agents for their own development: Thus, there is need for changing responsibilities.

(d) The suggestions made in the group reports will be made use of as inputs by various training and research programmes in the Institute as well as policy inputs by the Government whenever found to be appropriate.

Funds allocated during Ninth Plan for implementing EAS and JGSY

4376. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated to various States during Ninth Plan for implementing Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) and Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana;

(b) the year-wise details thereof; and

(c) the achievement made thereon in those years especially in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) to (c) The position of funds allocated and utilised under the Employment Assurance Scheme and the Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana since 1997-98 upto 2000-2001 is given in the Annexure [See Appendix 192, Annexure No. 32]

Loss to Textile Industry in earthquake in Gujarat

†4377. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any high level study has been conducted by his Ministry regarding heavy loss suffered by textile industry in Kutch and other districts of Gujarat due to earthquake;

(b) if so, the total loss suffered by textile industry in the State;

(c) whether any special scheme has been formulated by the Ministry for restructuring textile industry in Kutch and other districts; and

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